



MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: December 5, 2019

Agenda Item: 2020-2021 Turkey-Upland Birds-Migratory Birds Regulations and Quotas

Action Needed: Proposed

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 Minutes

Background: Season structures and hunting district boundaries are adopted biennially for most game species every other year between December and final adoptions in February. FWP proposes adopting the existing (2019) structures except for specific changes. Proposals are based on population status and/or other circumstances.

FWP proposes two changes to turkey regulations:

Increase the 400-20 spring turkey licenses in the Special Drawing Turkey License Area 400 from 5 to 20.

Increase the 445-20 spring turkey licenses in the Special Drawing Turkey License Area 445 from 15 to 20.

There are no changes proposed to upland bird or migratory bird regulations. The justification for the proposed change is in the commission packet.

Except for calendar rotation, all other aspects for turkey, upland birds, and migratory birds regulations are to remain unchanged from the 2019 regulations.

Alternatives and Analysis: No alternatives were analyzed.

Public Involvement Process & Results: In addition to public comment taken during the Dec. 5 commission meeting, public comment will run through 5 p.m., Jan. 22, 2020. Any final adoptions will take place at the February 2020 commission meeting.

Proposed Motion: I move that the Fish and Wildlife Commission adopt for public comment the 2020-2021 turkey, upland birds and migratory birds regulations and quotas as presented by FWP as presented by FWP. All other aspects of these seasons are to remain unchanged.